

Equivalency Policy **01-E** (u): ECA

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Updated portions are underlined

Background: The American Red Cross Emergency Responder course has been evaluated and determined equivalent to Texas ECA curriculum.

Statute Reference: Health and Safety Code, Section 773.050(d)

Rule Reference: §157.33 ~~(n)~~ (l) Equivalency

Policy: The American Red Cross (ARC) Emergency Responder course has been evaluated and determined equivalent to Texas ECA curriculum. Therefore, an allowance is made to enable candidates who complete the ARC Emergency Responder course to apply for ECA equivalency certification without review from a post secondary institution.

- (a) To gain ECA equivalency certification, a candidate shall submit the certificates from ARC indicating they have completed the entire Emergency Responder course. The required certificates are: 1) CPR for the Professional Rescuer, 2) Emergency Response 3) Automated External Defibrillation Training, 4) Oxygen Administration and 5) Preventing Disease Transmission. In addition, the candidate shall submit the following: Texas Department of Health (TDH) Skills Proficiency Verification (completed by an approved EMS training program, no earlier than 6 months of TDH application date), EMS Personnel Certification Application, and fee, if appropriate.
- (b) The candidate must pass the state written exam and if necessary, retest according to §157.33 certification process.
- (c) All ARC cards presented for certification must be current and all requirements for Texas ECA certification must be completed within one year of the ARC course completion dates.

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